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1. On 3 November 1952, the Flak Kaserne on Highway No 17, Leipzig-Schoenau, was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was observed. A rocket launcher was seen in the barracks area. Thirty soldiers engaged in physical training on the athletic field.

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2. On 3 November, the Flak Kaserne on Torgauer Strasse, Leipzig-Heiterblick, was occupied by 300 to 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Soldiers observed engaged in fatigue duty and reconditioning work at the buildings. On 27 October, a T-34 tank and a JS tank entered the installation, coming from the direction of Taucha.

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3. In late October, [REDACTED] the houses numbered 40 through 50 Horburger Strasse were occupied by Soviets. These buildings, since November, have been connected with the Flak Kaserne in Schoenau by a telephone line which runs via Volksgut Schoenau.

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4. On 20 October, a train carrying 12 x 37-mm AA guns, 12 prime movers, 12 trucks [REDACTED] and about 6 boxcars with personnel passed through the Schoenfeld railroad station, east of Leipzig, proceeding toward Engelsdorf.⁴

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5. On 2 November, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied by about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was observed. A large coal dump was observed beside the fire house.

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6. On 30 October, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau, was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, and a few with black-bordered crimson epaulets. [REDACTED] that on about 8 October, part of the unit with 30 rocket launchers and 6 tanks returned during the night. [REDACTED] during the night of 10 October, AA guns allegedly were detrained at the Rueckmarsdorf railroad station. At 7 p.m., on 16 October, about 100 trucks, including 40 with mounted troops, 40 canvas-covered rocket launchers, 6 field kitchens and an undetermined number of

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jeeps entered the installation, coming from the direction of Merseburg. They were welcomed by a military band. On 21 October, [redacted] that the installation quartered many new officers and only a few of the ones previously seen. During the period from 24 to 30 October, up to 5 M-13 rocket launchers, which were cleaned by troops, repeatedly were observed in the barracks installation. Potatoes were continually hauled to a storehouse on Schomburg Strasse [redacted] occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The potatoes were being stored for the unit in the installation. The letters KEY were on the storehouse.

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7. On 28 October, about 200 soldiers were drilling without arms in the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Heiterblick. Twenty-four soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly young soldiers, entered the installation, coming from the direction of Leipzig. Numerous soldiers with closely cropped hair were seen. Two T-34 tank hulls at driving school practice were seen in the training area southeast of the installation. On 3 November, about 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets drilled without arms in the barracks area. Two jeeps and 10 to 15 trucks were parked in front of the garages. Only little activity was observed in the installation. During the forenoon of 7 November, about 600 unarmed soldiers had fallen in in the barracks yard, apparently for a short ceremony. In the evening hours of the same day, there was much noise in the installation: two quartering buildings were not lighted.



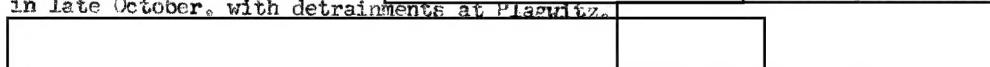
8. From 29 October to 7 November, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied to capacity by 1,500 to 1,700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. On 29 October, maintenance work and policing of quarters was observed in the installation. On 4 November, about 250 soldiers drilled without arms at squad level. Eight young officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying baggage entered the installation, coming from the direction of Schoenau. In the evening hours of 7 November, all quartering buildings were fully lighted.

[redacted] the troops returned

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9. On 4 November, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Danziger Strasse was occupied by an air force unit of about 150 men, and 30 uniformed women. Army soldiers were not observed. Only 30 percent of the quartering building were lighted after dusk.

10. On 5 November, the Treitschke Kaserne, east of Olbricht Strasse, was occupied by about 400 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and a dog kennel. No training activity was observed.



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11. On 8 November, the Train Kaserne, west of Olbricht Strasse, was occupied by about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 4 November, a troop train with numerous canvas-covered artillery pieces was standing on the snow track north of the installation. The entire area was blocked.

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12. On 31 October, and 8 November, the Ulanen Kaserne at the intersection of Olbricht Strasse and Wiederitzscher Weg was occupied by a small guard detail. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets and messed in the post hospital north of Max Liebermann Strasse. In the evening hours of 4 November, only 10 percent of the windows of the quartering building in the west section of the installation were lighted.⁸

25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. The observations made [redacted] confirm the 94th

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RL Regt (US) of the XXIX Gds Mts Rgt in the barracks installation in Leipzig-Schoenau. The rocket launcher unit which, on 16 October, arrived from the direction of Merseburg, most probably came from the Dessau-Wiesen-

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bure area, where the maneuvers had terminated on 15 October. The number of

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rocket launchers [redacted] are

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too high, as the regiment [redacted] is equipped with 24 rocket

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launchers. The six tanks, however, are believed to belong to this rocket

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launcher regiment. Four SP guns were observed [redacted] during the

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entraining of elements of the regiment in Eisenach on 2 October. See

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[redacted] These observations tend to indicate

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that some of the rocket launcher regiments of the rifle corps are equipped

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with rocket launchers on tank chassis. This observation was also made in

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World War II. The 19th Gds Mecz Regt stationed there cannot be confirmed,

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[redacted] According

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to a previous report [redacted] elements of the

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regiment returned from Koenigsbrueck on 11 October.

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25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. During the period from November 1951 to the departure of

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the troops to the training rounds in April 1952, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick was continually reported occupied by 1,200 troops,

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thus supporting the assumption that the 21st Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds

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Mecz Div, a driving school or tank training battalion and the 80th Repair

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Shop of the First Gds Mecz Army were stationed there. The strength figures

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of 200 to 600 men given in the present report and the lack of information

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on the return of the mechanized regiment make it appear doubtful whether

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the regiment is still stationed there [redacted]

25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. The Horburger Strasse is immediately northeast of the Flak

Kaserne in Schoenau.

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Comment. [redacted] 300 troops 25X1
wearing red-bordered black epaulets to be stationed in the Hindenburg
Kaserne. It is, however, believed that the air force construction unit
known previously is still stationed there. [redacted]

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6. [redacted] Comment. There are no changes in the occupation of the installation.

7. [redacted] Comment. A repair shop is carried in the Train Kaserne.

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8. [redacted] Comment. According to a report of August 1951, a repair shop unit
has been carried there.

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